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Applicants: Denisa D. Wagner and Robert C. Johnson  
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For: METHOD FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING ATHEROSCLEROSIS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 1996, for the parent application Serial No. 08/377,798, please amend the instant file wrapper continuation as follows.

In the Specification

Amend the first sentence on page 1 of the specification as follows:

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/377,798, filed January 24, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part [application] of [pending] application Serial No. 08/253,663, filed June 3, 1994, now abandoned [and entitled METHOD FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING ATHEROSCLEROSIS].

In the Claims

Cancel claim 39.

Amend claims 1, 5-9, 12, 13, 20, 24, 27-34 and 38 as follows: